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Keep Your Eye on Taney—She's All Right! Her Skies are Clear and Full of Cheer, and all her Prospects Bright.

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Taney County

TANEY is the fourth county from the west line of the state, in the extreme southern tier, and so bordering on Arkansas and enjoying to its fullness the wonderful climate of the "Sunny Side" of the Ozarks, where the temperature rarely touches zero in winter and the nights in summer are always cool enough to make sleep a delight.

The county contains 660 square miles, 412,000 acres, of which about 87,000 acres are under improvement. The soil varies from the rich alluvial bottom to the strong limestone soil of the ridge, producing successfully wheat, on which the county was awarded the silver medal at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, corn second to none, (a stalk on display in this office measuring seven feet four inches in length), potatoes, cotton, melons, tame grasses, berries, fruits, vegetables, in fact everything except tropical products. Pears and peaches are especially well.

The surface is rugged and picturesque, covered with forests and traversed by streams of sparkling clearness, among them the beautiful White river, famed for its scenery and its fishy tribes, including the gamey black bass and jack salmon, while the wooded expanses abound in small game of various kinds, including fox, mink, opossum, squirrel, quail and turkey, affording abundant recreation with rod and gun.

The population of the county by the last census was 14,127, only two of whom were colored and all but 60 American born. Taxes are not heavy. Wood for fuel is plentiful and remarkably cheap, selling in Forsyth for \$1.50 a cord with saw boards. Church and school facilities are fair and increasing, many of the schools manifesting such a spirit of up-to-date-ness as to provide libraries for the use of pupils. Improved farms are valued at \$10 to \$20 an acre, while unimproved lands can be had at \$1.25 to \$2. There are still about 200,000 acres of government lands, subject to homestead or cash entry. The county is fairly well watered, the White river alone swimming in and out for about a hundred miles within its borders.

There is considerable timber of commercial value, including hickory, whiteoak, walnut, pine and cedar, and vast mineral wealth, as follows:—As to the little prospecting that has been done. Our minerals include marble, hydraulic lime, manganese, copper, lead and zinc in their multitudinous forms, silver and gold, recent prospecting disclosing the presence of both in paying quantities, all of which will afford wealth-making opportunities to men of means, judgment and energy.

In no spot on earth, perhaps, can a poor man so easily acquire a home and make a living, and any man who is honest and energetic will be well rewarded, be he rich or poor. The railroad, (White River line of the Missouri Pacific) is facilitating enterprise and enhancing values. River traffic and electric roads are a certainty of the near future, to give new stimulus to every material interest and enhance all truly values. Now is the time to get in right and reap the benefits.

Official Directory.

STATE.
Governor - J. W. Folk
Secretary of State - J. E. Swanger
U. S. Senators - W. J. Moore
Member of Congress, 14th Dist. - Wm. Warner
State Senator - Geo. R. Curry
Judge 1st Judicial Circuit - John T. Moore

COUNTY.
Representative - D. F. McCoukey
County Clerk - J. B. Hicks
Recorder of Deeds - W. J. Moore
Circuit Clerk - J. H. Blankenship
Judge of Probate - J. F. Dickenson
Prosecuting Attorney - H. H. Aubrey
Collector of Revenue - Jesse Nance
Treasurer - E. H. Hild
Commissioner of Schools - D. B. Palmer
Assessor - C. A. James
Sheriff - Robert Adams
Coroner - W. Brown
Surveyor - M. E. Bird

CIRCUIT COURT.
Court meets fourth Monday in April and October.

COUNTY COURT.
Pres. Judge - J. G. Lewis
Assoc. Judge - W. J. Dist.
Clerk - C. Stokely
Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

PROBATE COURT.
Court meets second Monday in February, May, August and November.

SOCIETIES.

MASONIC.
A. F. and A. M.—Forsyth Lodge No. 455, meets on Saturday upon or after the full moon in each month.
J. C. L. McSHIRT, W. M.
J. A. Weatherman, Sec.

WOODMEN.
M. W. A.—Forsyth Camp No. 560 meets on the first and third Tuesday in each month.
JESSE NANCE, V. G.
C. H. GROOM, Clerk.

O. E. S.—Chapter No. 52, meets first and third Thursday in each month.
Miss Sarah Fannin, W. M.
R. C. FORD, W. P. JESSE NANCE, Sec.

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I can sell your real estate, at a price justified by its character and location. See me if you wish to buy or sell.

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Will practice in all the courts of the state.

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J. H. PARRISH, J. A. WEATHERMAN, President Vice-President

S. W. ROSWELL, Cashier

Taney County Bank,

FORSYTH, MO.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$25,000.

SURPLUS AND UND. PROFITS, \$20,000

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[KNOWN AS OLD PARRISH BARN]

FORSYTH, MISSOURI

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P. W. JOHNSON, Proprietor

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Has a good line of GENERAL MERCHANDISE at his new store, 1 mile up Bear creek from WALNUT SHADE, MISSOURI Also buys and sells Real Estate

NORTH AND SOUTH ELECTRIC

Survey to be Made for the Springfield, Nixa and Southern.

The Springfield papers announce that a survey is to be made on the proposed Springfield, Nixa & Southern electric road. The plan contemplates the construction of an electric road from Springfield to Nixa in Green county, the power to operate the line to be generated by using the waters of Finley. The papers state that it is proposed to extend the road in a southerly direction from Nixa, but makes no definite statement as to the points to be touched by such extension. The name chosen for the road indicates the purpose of the promoters to extend the line as indicated.

In this connection the Republican wishes again to urge the desirability of effecting a local organization to do certain needed work looking toward securing an electric road through Taney county east of the river and to Forsyth. Such an organization can undoubtedly do a great deal towards securing for the county at the earliest practicable date this greatest present material need. Intelligent self-interest should be sufficient to lead to this organization. The Republican has urged it in season and out of season, and expects to keep it up until the point has been gained. The need of action is only emphasized by the alleged fact that orders have already been placed for the electric equipment of the proposed line from Mansfield to Ava, and that contracts have been let for the grading. Now is the time to take action. After these lines shall have definitely decided where they will go and what towns they will strike will be too late.

Licensed to Wed.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the county recorder for week ending June 17, 1908:
Wm. Lewallen, of Hollister, and Becca Beard, of Cedar Valley.
John W. Smith and Emma Owings, both of Proton.

Special Announcement.

Mr. F. A. Brown, representative of the "Forward Movement in Foreign Missions," will be in Forsyth June 24 and 25. He will hold at least three meetings while here, beginning Wednesday night, in the Stone Chapel. Everyone cordially invited to attend these services.

The special services in connection with the Presbyterian church of Branson are moving on nicely. Nine were led to confess Christ last week, others are coming this week, and many are deeply interested in the salvation of their souls. Rev. G. W. Jurey, of Springfield, is conducting the services. His preaching is a strong, clear, forceful presentation of Gospel truth. We look for grand results to follow these services.

W. E. BEATTIE, Pastor.

WILLIE'S SKATES

Byron Williams.



mi Father sez 2 never Swear— he licked me with his cane— and onct Ma washed my mouth with SOAP:

I took His naim in vain! ma sez a Bare will cet me up and gnaw my bones and feet if I don't stop a saying things I heer upon thee Street!

I'm sure 2 hav sum new skates though. I ast my Pa. He sed: "O yours are good enuf, I guess; now hustel off 2 Bed!" I didn't though; I hanged around and watched Pa dressing up. It's punny how he makes thee Soap gist Lather in thee Cup!

I hanged around! he tored his sock and couldn't find his Kuff! and sed 2 Ma, "plague take this shirt, the Kollar's oful ruff!"

Ma went away 2 dress herself. mi pa was fuming mad! he dropped thee Stud right down his back and SWORED gist oful bad!

I cried a little and Pa yelled, "Why are you Sniffing there?" "I'm sc-sc-scared," sed I 2 Pa "That—ma—has—herd—yew—SWEAR!" he seamed 2 sorter stop and Think and then He koffed and sed: "Here is a Dollar for yewr skates, now hurry off 2 Bed!"

THE SCHOOL OF THE OZARKS.

The Close of a Successful Year—The Future Outlook.

The County Common School commencement, in the School of the Ozarks building, brought out a large and interested audience last Thursday evening to witness the principal event of the week, the conferring of diplomas on the county common school graduates, the list including Roy Boles, John C. Burns, Neva Coulter (honorary graduate), Lena Everett, Norman Mason, George Root, Ethel Stephens, Lyle Stone, Hyre Summers, Gladys Vanzandt, and Daisy Williams.

The welcome and class songs were popular numbers, and the violin and cornet duets by Ernst Vanzandt and Ray B. Price were well received.

Miss Neva Coulter was presented with the Dr. O. C. Huston prize, a five dollar gold coin for the best essay on "Hygiene," W. H. Price of the Republican making the presentation.

Dr. W. R. Dobyns, president of the board of trustees of the school, made an eloquent and masterly address, in which he outlined in part the future plans of the school and impressed upon the minds and heart of those present the great things for which The School of the Ozarks stands.

Following the address of Dr. Dobyns, after a brief presentation address by Professor J. A. Oliver, Mr. W. L. Moore, in behalf of the public schools.

TAFT IS THE NOMINEE.

In the convention at Chicago today Secretary Taft was nominated for president on the first ballot. The vice-presidential candidate will be selected tomorrow. Present chances seem to favor Fairbanks.

presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class.

Friday evening occurred the school entertainment, which was also well attended, and which reflected high credit upon the faculty of the school and the pupils who participated. Perhaps the most remarkable performance of the evening was the Bible drill by the pupils of Miss C. B. Craig, of the primary department. The care and painstaking effort bestowed by Miss Craig upon her little pupils must have been something prodigious. Other notable numbers were the Indian drill, the Topsy-Turvy drill, and the Lantern drill, all well executed and reflecting credit upon all concerned.

Saturday morning chapel exercise was something out of the usual order, the time, after the scripture reading and singing, being devoted to remarks by members of the faculty and visitors, in which temporary good-byes were said, as well as words of appreciation of the work accomplished by the school and hopeful pictures of the future.

The features of commencement week credit upon all concerned.

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IN THE HOME NEST

Cheerful Evening Reveries for Tired Mothers

Show me the woman who sometimes has supper at five o'clock and sometimes not till eight; sometimes dinner at noon, and sometimes no dinner at all; sometimes having good bread and cake and meat, and sometimes sour bread and other things to match,—and I will show you one who cannot raise a family of healthy children, nor keep so herself. The husband of such a woman will, more than likely, lament that he ever married such a "me'er do well," and generally misery will be the outgrowth of the unstable management of a foolish woman.

SOOR OR SWEET?

That's the question, my brother, and it's not a mean, one either, for many of us had rather take a dose of salts than walk with your long-as-a-rail face.

Your dyspeptic brain, torpid conscience and sour disposition make you anything but agreeable company. You are called a christian too. Well, maybe you are, but the fact is not believed by many on earth. Possibly you may console yourself with the thought they know it in heaven. I doubt it.

Why go through the world always in a fog? You dishearten many, give others the blues, and scores under clouds of doubt and darkness. You make out the path of the just is not "as a shining light," that the way is one of hardness and difficulty. The way of the transgressor is hard, but surely not the path of obedience in which you claim to be walking.

Swing around, my brother, and get your eye off of self. "Rejoice evermore." Give up your sourness; quit looking like a graveyard. Take the sunny side of the street. Laugh once in a while. Get off your stiffs and walk with humble folks, cheer up tone, up, wake up and see if milk is not better than vinegar, or in other words, if it is not better to be sweet than sour.

A MODEL HOME.

We often wonder why there are no more homes that can safely be spoken of as models. It would seem as if those who pass their lives in the country, whose daily occupation brings them in constant contact with the varied beauty of field, and forest, mountain, and plain, who are constant witnesses of nature's great mysteries, would, of necessity, be filled with noble thoughts; that their eyes would gather continual delight from the beauties about them; and their whole lives shape themselves in grander forms as a natural result of their surroundings. Yet it is undeniably true that in gathering up riches for the future, which after all they may never behold, they forget the claims of the present, and allow their souls to grow less instead of greater. So it comes to pass that the children going out of these houses, and finding themselves, as they often may, in refined and polite society for a time, become dissatisfied with home, and seek a life that shall give them the advantages which they cannot obtain in the country. It is not folly to be so intent upon the things which perish with the using, as to forget higher aims? Is it not an evil when parents allow themselves to be so absorbed by cares that they neglect to instruct their children in the proprieties of every day life, to say nothing of the small

sweet courtesies, the little acts of grace so fruitful of good? A brief notice of a model home points out the effects of a better way.

One of our young men asks us the following question:

"What do you think of a young lady while in the company of a dude washer, remarking of an old schoolmate of hers, that 'he is a good boy, but tied to his old mother's apron strings, and is no good on earth.' Will not the boy come out ahead if he supports and cares for the mother?" Come out ahead? Well, of course he will. A girl who would make such a remark is not worthy to blacken the shoes of a boy who is kind to his old mother. Such a girl has no more heart in her than a turnip, and is only fit—oh, she isn't fit for anything. She ought to be taken across the knee of her own mother until she thinks it is about the middle of August. The meanest men in the world are those who have allowed themselves to drift away from their mothers and forget all about them. The best and bravest men in the world are those who have never been so proud as when doing something pleasant for the kind old mother. The most heartless thing in the world is for a person to make such a remark as that quoted above about a young man who is proud of his mother, and loves her so that a tear in her eye is like a drop of melted lead on his heart. The young man who heard of such a remark being made about his relations with his mother no doubt felt that he had rather not have heard of the remark, but it is lucky that he did, if he thought he had any affection for that girl. She would not have said it in his hearing, which shows that she is a hypocrite and a two-sided person. If he married that girl he would have a little hell of his own. Such a girl would make a man wish he had never seen any woman except his own mother. No matter how close the relation between a mother and son, a day is liable to come when the son will find a girl that he will marry, and though he may not think less of his mother, he will not have quite so much time to devote to her; but if he is such a son as the one above mentioned, there will never be a day but he will think of something that can be done for his mother. His good wife, if she is good, will join him in anything that can make the mother who bore him happy. And a day will come when the mother will lay down her knitting, and take off her spectacles, and her burden of life will be laid down, and her last prayer will be for the son who has been joked by a fool girl for being tied to her apron strings, and she will close her eyes in death with the feeling that of all God's best gifts to a mother, a dutiful, loving son is the greatest. Those sons who have followed the counsels of a loving mother, and who have, perchance, followed the remains of that mother to the grave and heard the cold clay rattle on her last last resting place, and who have gone away from the scene with hearts bowed and broken, will never, in their choice of a partner for life, take one who has ever spoken unkindly of a son who is kind to his mother. No boy need ever be ashamed to be called his mother's boy, and no person with a heart worth the space it occupies will ever make trifling remarks on so sacred a matter as the love of a son for a good mother.

A GRAND CELEBRATION

JULY 3 & 4!

AT FORSYTH

Under the auspices of the Forsyth Band. Watch and Wait for the Big Celebration.